

**DOWNTOWN INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**May 17, 2013
MINUTES**

BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Dilip Bhavnani, Ernie Doizaki, Howard Klein, Matt Klein, Alexander Palermo, Larry Rauch, Mark Shinbane, Michael Tansey

Absent: James Barich, Richard Gardner

STAFF: Estela Lopez, George Peterman, Jessica Whaley, Jessica Sweeney

CONSULTANTS: Ken Coelho, Tara Devine, Steve Gibson, Don Steier

GUESTS: Senior Lead Officer Chris Jarvis

I. CALL TO ORDER

Rauch called the meeting to order with a quorum at 12:03pm. Rauch asked for a moment of silence in honor of DID Board member Bill Shinbane, who passed away in April. Rauch stated that Bill was a leader and a builder of this neighborhood, and he will be sorely missed.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M. Klein made a motion to approve the January 22, 2013 minutes, and H. Klein seconded. The Board unanimously approved.

IV. FINANCE

Coelho reviewed the Quarterly financial report with the Board. He reported that we are performing under budget from an expense standpoint mostly due to timing differences in receiving

invoices, and we have caught up with our LAHSA reimbursements for the Check-In Center. He reported that DID currently has just over \$722,000 of cash in the bank. Coelho added that DID has received \$74,000 of unbudgeted income as a result of prior year delinquent assessments and penalty income from the City. Prior BID funds total approx. \$152,000.

Coelho also provided an annual review of BID Assessment rates. He reviewed the DID annual rate increases since 2010. He reported that as a result of the dissolution of the Arts District BID, there is the potential of DID having to incur shared costs of approximately \$230,000. After discussion, the Board considered a motion to raise the 2014 assessment rate 2%, but directed that this matter be referred to the Finance Committee for final action. This information must be provided to the City Clerk's office no later than June 3.

MOTION (Klein-Bhavnani): Increase the 2014 DID BID assessment rate by 2%, leaving open the option of a smaller increase after consideration by the DID Finance Committee. The Finance Committee meeting was set for Thursday, May 23 at 2:30pm. Unanimous approval.

V. OPERATIONS

Peterman noted that encampments were high early in the year due to the holiday holdover. He added that LAPD has been keeping clean around Central Station, thereby inadvertently moving encampments further east. Palermo asked what percentage of the people on the street are involved in drug use and alcohol. Peterman stated that most all of the people on the street in this District are involved in some drugs and alcohol and he added that drinking in public skyrockets in the summer. Palermo asked what the LAPD stance is on drinking in public and Peterman stated that they have to observe it before they can cite and arrest.

Peterman reported that BID public safety officers handled a total of 9,695 incidents from January to April 2013.

Quarterly totals to date include 17,595 bags of trash collected; 168 instances of graffiti removed; 938 bulky items removed; and 229 weeded blocks in the District.

LAPD Update:

SLO Jarvis reported that crime is down and that Central Area is #1 in crime reduction Citywide so far this year. He added that crime stats west of Alameda are less than east of Alameda. He has heard from many folks asking when the Arts BID is going to come back. He commended the CCEA public safety officers for their hard work and professionalism.

Check-In Center Expansion:

Lopez reported that one issue in the possible settlement in the *Lavan* case would be the replication of the CIC in other areas. Lopez is asking the City for additional funding; the \$200,000 increase to meet the demands of the expansion last year was a projected amount that is proving insufficient.

VII. DID BID RENEWAL

Gibson reviewed the DID renewal timeline, draft budget and Management District Plan for 2015. He noted that what will be different this renewal will be the quantifying of special and general benefits. Gibson added that in DID, using the survey method to quantify will be more challenging as compared to other districts. City Attorney will be requiring more specificity in MDPs as a result of litigation.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Assembly Bill 5 (Homeless Bill of Rights)

Lopez reported AB5, the proposed Homeless Bill of Rights, is in the Assembly Appropriations Committee where it will be evaluated for its effect on the General Fund. Lopez added that many members of the Appropriations Committee are from Los Angeles, which could work in favor of understanding the bill's impact.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

X. ADJOURNMENT- 1:45PM